

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

UNITED STATES, . Criminal Number: 2014-54
Vs. .
5500 Veterans Drive, Third Floor
St. Thomas, USVI 00802
SHERRYMAE MORALES, .
April 15, 2015
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TRANSCRIPT OF PRETRIAL CONFERENCE
BEFORE HONORABLE RUTH MILLER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 COURT CLERK: USA versus Sherrymae Morales, criminal
2 number 2014-54.

3 MR. POTTER: Good morning, Your Honor, Everard Potter
4 for the United States.

5 THE COURT: Good morning.

6 MR. VILLEGAS: Good morning again, Judge. Gabriel
7 Villegas on behalf of Ms. Morales.

8 THE COURT: Good morning. All right. This one was
9 on for pretrial conference. Trial is scheduled for May 26th,
10 2015. I know you're sort of new to the case, Mr. Villegas, or
11 you've been in and out of the case so to speak.

12 MR. VILLEGAS: Yes, Judge. We would ask that you
13 reconsider that date. I looked, just skimmed over the
14 discovery this morning to see how much work was going to be,
15 there's about 400 pages. It's an interesting case, what the
16 Court would consider a white collar case and I feel like we
17 need to put in the time to interview several witnesses.
18 Fortunately, they're local back and forth between here and St.
19 Croix. But Omadare Jupiter, the FPD is going to take the lead
20 on this case and so we are asking for a new trial date. And
21 I'll certainly file a motion if I need to but I think the trial
22 dates have been extended in the past. I know Ms. Morales will
23 certainly sign any additional waivers that the Court might
24 require.

25 We would prefer a late June trial date if at all

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1 possible, give us equivalent of I guess 60 days to adequately
2 prepare a defense.

3 THE COURT: All right. I can't really change it
4 right now on my own without having a chat with Judge Gomez
5 about it. My recommendation is to file something brief that
6 suggests because you're new in the case and Attorney Jupiter is
7 going to be taking the lead that you would appreciate the extra
8 time.

9 MR. VILLEGAS: Okay. I will, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Does she have a waiver on file?

11 MR. VILLEGAS: I don't know, Judge. I believe she
12 does because I think this has been extended for some time.

13 THE COURT: Do you know, Attorney Potter?

14 MR. POTTER: I think there is a waiver up to May, I
15 want to say about May 15th, Judge.

16 THE COURT: The case is already set for May 26th so
17 maybe that's something to consider then.

18 MR. VILLEGAS: We will.

19 THE COURT: Give yourself as much time as you need.

20 MR. VILLEGAS: Thank you, Judge.

21 THE COURT: All right. Anything else that we can do
22 with Ms. Morales' case?

23 MR. POTTER: Nothing from the Government, Your Honor.

24 MR. VILLEGAS: No, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: You've got all the discovery. It has

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1 gotten to you?

2 MR. VILLEGAS: As long as it ends at 391, I think was
3 the end of the documents.

4 THE COURT: All right. Very good.

5 MR. POTTER: Yes, Judge.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

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